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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE
THAT THE ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS HAS CONTACTED
HIS FRG COUNTERPART TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE FROM ANGOLAN
PRESIDENT NETO TO THE AFFECT THAT ANGOLA WOULD LIKE TO
BEGIN TALKS ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE FRG.
THE ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO TRAVEL
TO BONN FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. THE FRG HAS RESPONDED TO THE ANGOLAN APPROACH, AGAIN THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, AND INDICATED THAT IT IS WILLING TO BEGIN THE PROCESS AT ANY TIME. THERE WAS NO MENTION BY EITHER SIDE OF OTRAG OR OTHER PRECONDITIONS.

3. ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, OUR CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE EASY. THEY FULLY EXPECT THAT THE GDR WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE ANGOLANS FROM RECOGNIZING THE FRG'S RIGHT TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS IS A STANDARD FORMULATION AS FAR AS THE FRG IS CONCERNED, ONE ON WHICH THE FRG HAS NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE. IF THE ANGOLANS, UNLIKE ALL OTHER AFRICAN STATES WHICH MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, ARE NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO ACCEDE TO THIS POINT, FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WILL MOST PROBABLY REMAIN UNREALIZED. STOESEL

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